

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (currently amended) A process for certifying a software
2 application by a client prior to deployment at said client,
3 comprising the steps of:

4 entering a review request for certification of a software
5 application by a client prior to deployment at said client, into
6 a staging database;

7 assigning a client reviewer and scheduling a time for said
8 review;

9 performing a client readiness assessment prior to said time for
10 said review including identifying a client business process
11 owner;

12 conducting said review by said reviewer including providing an
13 overview and process flows identifying control points, providing
14 deliverables, and providing a certification test plan;

15 reporting results of said review; and

16 determining whether said results justify a decision by said
17 client of certification of said software application.

18 2. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said review request
19 is entered into a spreadsheet database.

20 3. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said readiness
21 assessment is performed by answering questions in a checklist.

1 4. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said overview
2 comprises an application environmental overview and an
3 architectural overview.

4 5. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said process flows
5 comprise flowcharts.

6 6. (original) The process of claim 5, wherein said flowcharts
7 identify the position of automated or manual control points
8 within the software application.

9 7. (original) The process of claim 5, wherein said control points
10 include text describing actions to be taken for normal and
11 exception control outcome.

12 8. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said review
13 includes a separation of duties evaluation.

14 9. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said review
15 includes an evaluation of control points that prevent
16 unauthorized change to said software application.

17 10. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said test plan
18 describes test scenarios and expected results for all said
19 control points.

20 11. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said review
21 further comprises providing a demonstration.

22 12. (currently amended) A process for certifying a software
23 application by a client , comprising the steps of:

1 entering a review request for certification of a software
2 application by a client prior to deployment at said client, into
3 a staging database;

4 assigning a client reviewer and scheduling a time for said
5 review;

6 performing a client readiness assessment prior to said time for
7 said review including identifying a client business process
8 owner;

9 conducting said review by said reviewer including providing an
10 overview and process flows identifying control points, providing
11 deliverables, and providing a certification test plan;

12 reporting results of said review;

13 determining whether said results justify a decision by said
14 client of certification of said software application, and if so;

15 deploying said software application; and

16 executing at least a part of said test plan.

17 13. (original) The process of claim 12, wherein said review
18 further comprises providing a demonstration.

19 14. (currently amended) A computer program product for
20 instructing a processor to certify for a client a software
21 application, said computer program product comprising:

22 a computer readable medium;

1 first program instruction means for entering a review request for
2 certification of a software application by a client prior to
3 deployment at said client, into a staging database;

4 second program instruction means for assigning a client reviewer
5 and scheduling a time for said review;

6 third program instruction means for performing a client readiness
7 assessment prior to said time for said review including
8 identifying a client business process owner;

9 fourth program instruction means for assisting said reviewer in
10 conducting said review including assisting in providing an
11 overview and process flows identifying control points, assisting
12 in providing deliverables, and assisting in providing a
13 certification test plan;

14 fifth program instruction means for reporting results of said
15 review; and

16 sixth program instruction means for determining whether said
17 results justify a decision of certification of said software
18 application; and wherein

19 all said program instruction means are recorded on said medium.